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ON A SOLID SURFACE WITHIN AN ENCLOSED CHAMBER

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Dear Sir:

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE APPLICATION**

US Patent No. 6,420,114 B1 and all references cited therein are included in the citations for this Supplemental Information Disclosure; and as such, German Application DE 19728520 A1 is included in the foreign patent documents.

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